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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

TRENTON – State Parole Board Chairman James T. Plousis announced today that a team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will be on-site Monday, April 1, 2013, to examine all aspects of the New Jersey State Parole Board's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

"Having the Chiefs Association and the accreditation team acknowledge that the New Jersey State Parole Board meets the Association's "best practice" standards is a highly sought after recognition of law enforcement professional excellence," Chairman Plousis said. "Accreditation results in greater accountability within the agency, reduced risk for officers and the supervised population, less liability exposure, stronger defense against civil lawsuits, and more confidence in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and respond to community needs."

The New Jersey State Parole Board must comply with 112 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Accreditation is valid for a three-year period during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to their continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

"The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar New Jersey law enforcement agencies," stated Harry J. Delgado, Accreditation Program Manager for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. "The assessors will review written materials, interview agency members, and visit offices and other places where compliance with the standards can be observed. Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status."

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the accreditation assessors via a phone in session that will be conducted between the hours of 9AM and 11AM on Tuesday April 2, 2013. Those wishing to provide comments may do so by calling (609) 341-3621 during the specified time. Telephone comments are limited to 5 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the NJSACOP accreditation standards. Email comments can be sent to NJSPB_Public_Info_Office@spb.state.nj.us

A copy of the standards is available for inspection at the New Jersey State Parole Board, 171 Jersey Street, Trenton, N.J. 08625, Building # 2. Please contact Captain Steven Tallard at 609-292-4062 for more information.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the New Jersey State Parole Board's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them by e-mail to Harry J Delgado, Accreditation Program Manager, hdelgado@njsacop.org, by phone at 856-334-8943, or write to the

New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 11,000 Lincoln Drive West, Suite 12, Marlton, N.J. 08053.

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police through its New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission is the legitimate authority and accreditation agency in the state of New Jersey. For more information regarding the Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission please write the Commission at New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 11,000 Lincoln Drive West, Suite 12, Marlton, N.J. 08053

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) works to ensure ex-prisoners return to society as law-abiding citizens. As required by law, appointed Parole Board Members and staff conduct nearly 20,000 hearings per year, solicit input from victims and decide parole matters. SPB sworn parole officers supervise more than 15,000 offenders statewide. In addition, SPB is New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. SPB officers are also active partners with multiple Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, SPB's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit and private agencies to connect ex-prisoners with vocational, mental health and related services, targeted to break the cycle of recidivism and reduce the risk of crime.

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